

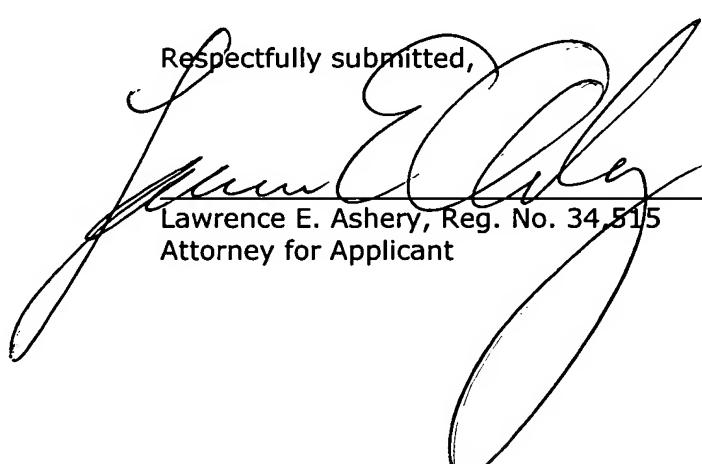
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The Abstract has been amended. A revised Abstract is attached.

**ABSTRACT**

A capacitor unit (15)—used as an auxiliary power source is structured by a plurality of series connected capacitors that have an initial dispersion of characteristics controlled within a predetermined value. During charging, the capacitor unit (15) is monitored if a voltage of the entire capacitor unit (15) is not exceeding a predetermined value. This prevents each capacitor from being charged at a voltage exceeding a withstand voltage.

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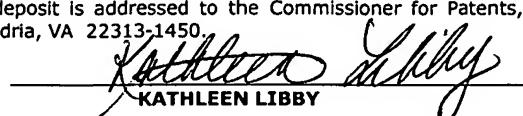
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